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PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120

Dear Sir:

Please accept this paper as a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 120. The priority claim in this application states that "[t]his application is a continuation of application no. 09/436,296, filed November 8, 1999, now Patent No. 6,249,760, which is a continuation in part of the patent application having Ser. No. 08/863,462, filed May 27, 1997." The priority claim should state that "[t]his application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/436,296, filed November 8, 1999, now Patent No. 6,249,760, which is a continuation of application serial no. 08/932,078, filed September 17, 1997, now Patent No. 6,012,027, which is a continuation in part of application serial no. 08/863,462, filed May 27, 1997, now Patent No. 6,847,717." Thus, the current priority claim omits the family's first child, which is application serial no. 08/932,078.

The following are provided herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3):

1. The reference required under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) in the form of an accompanying amendment paper to amend the first lines of the specification.
2. A payment of \$1,370.00 to cover the fee set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t) for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, 120, 121, or 365(a) or (c).

3. Promptly after discovering the omitted child, the applicant's representative submitted a supplemental amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 that was rejected for being filed after the payment of the issue fee. Therefore, the applicant respectfully petitions the Office to enter the corrected priority claim as shown in the accompanying amendment paper and submits that, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the entire delay between the date the claim was due under paragraph 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-2455. If there is anything further needed, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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